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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Mr. John L. McLaurin's retirement from politics does not appear to have been as complete and lasting as announced in his Fair Week Manifesto. That document indicated that he had cussed and quit, but his present activity in Columbia would lead the public to believe that his hat is in the ring.

The New York money trust has failed to brow-beat Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and he holds the whip hand over them for they dare not attempt to create a panic. They know that they cannot create an artificial panic, such as they have heretofore manipulated, while Mr. McAdoo stands ready to deposit \$500,000,000 emergency currency in the banks at the first intimation of panic conditions. But for Mr. McAdoo and his unmovable determination to exert his utmost power and to use the reserves of the government to prevent a Wall Street manipulated panic, there would have been a panic this year and there would have been no currency reform legislation.

The mob that ran amuck in Barnwell Thursday, raging for the lives of forty negroes who had been arrested and committed to jail as suspects in connection with the murder of a white man the previous night, was a shocking demonstration of the utter irresponsibility and recklessness of the mob spirit. That the man was killed and that a negro fired the fatal shot has not been denied, but only two shots were fired and one man fired both of them, therefore thirty-nine of the negroes whom the mob sought to lynch are innocent. Mob law is cruel, savage and senseless and the men who go up and down the State advocating lynching, in season and out of season, using all the artful devices of the demagogue to create and inflame race prejudice cannot undo their vicious work by calling out the militia and appealing to the sheriff to do his duty. Those who sow evil seed reap evil fruit.

The women who are advocating the immediate granting of the franchise to all women are undertaking to use the big stick on President Wilson and the Democratic party, threatening to turn a solid vote against the party in the women suffrage States, unless the president and the party leaders forthwith proceed to amend the constitution in compliance with their demands. The recent utterances of Dr. Anna Shaw and other suffrage leaders, especially their ill-considered and ill-tempered criticism of President Wilson, lead to the conclusion that they are drifting toward the adoption of the militant methods that Mrs. Pankhurst and her cohort of fanatics have made notorious in England. There is no fundamentally sound objection to giving the franchise to women, just as there is no real necessity for doing so, but if the women suffragists of this country degenerate into the Pankhurst methods they will themselves furnish the strongest and best argument against woman suffrage. The only reason for giving the franchise to women is the hope that they will prove more law-abiding, more conservative and less under the influence of the liquor element and corrupt political bosses than the rank and file of the men; but if the women prove themselves lawless by the adoption of Pankhurst tactics, those whose have heretofore advocated their enfranchisement will turn against them.

THE MERCHANTS OF SUMTER ARE PREPARED TO SERVE YOU AND SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS.

18 Days More!
432 Hours!
25,920 Minutes!
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Put it in any shape you want to, the time left to bake all the fruit cakes, gather the holly boughs and the mistletoe—and do that Christmas shopping is mighty short—too short. To get everything in shape for waking up on Xmas day without a headache and a grouch to keep you company through the great day, you must, in the language of a popular novel "go some."

Today is a good day to start! Do your Xmas shopping now—to delay is to loose the pick of the largest and most varied assortment of holiday goods that the merchants of Sumter have ever displayed for the benefit of the Christmas shoppers. Its a fine idea to sit down by the evening lamp and look through the advertising pages of the Item and Watchman and Southron to find the proper Christmas gift for father, mother, "her or him," all the sisters and brothers and the little folks, too. By a careful scanning of the advertising columns of this paper you will obtain the information that you desire concerning "what's the latest" in Christmas fads and fancies, and by looking at the announcements of the progressive merchants and other business houses in this issue you are sure to find something that will make a pleasing gift for everyone whom you have in mind for remembering at the yuletide season. Remember that the merchants of the city have chosen next week as "Shopping Week" for the Christmas shoppers. They have made special preparation for taking care of their customers next week, and not only will shopping next week be helpful to the merchant, because it will enable him to give his customers better service, but it will be beneficial to the customer because he can get rid of the rush and flurry incident to the days just before Christmas, and besides can have the choice of the best and most varied assortment of Christmas goods. And be sure that, early as it may seem to some for Xmas shopping, the merchants are all ready with their complete stocks of Christmas goods. They are going to co-operate with the Christmas shoppers in making "Shopping Week"—the six days from December 8th to 13th inclusive—the pleasantest event for the searcher after Xmas gifts, that has ever been "billed off." The merchants are ready and willing; its up to you, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Christmas shopper, to do your part. Buy early and make yourself and the clerks happy!

Speaking of Christmas gifts for men, the Sumter Clothing Company give a list of handsome and useful presents that any man would be proud to receive. They have not only some especially attractive numbers in nice suits and overcoats, but they are showing the handsomest line of gloves, ties, hose, and other haberdashery pleasing to the eye of man that they have ever gotten together for the holiday season. Fancy boxes are furnished free with many items.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Company make some timely suggestions for those who must give the men folk a Xmas reminder. They advertise a complete line of things that will tickle the man who gets them on Xmas morning, and their gifts are packed in attractive holiday boxes.

Ask the average child, boy or girl, what present they would rather have old Santa bring them and nine out of ten times the answer will be "A wheel." H. L. Tisdale advertises the Columbia, Crescent and Cleveland bicycles, either of which would make a pleasing gift.

Ralph Hill has a special line of Pope bicycles that are made especially to stand rough usage by the "kiddies." They are handsome little wheels too, and make an ideal Christmas present.

For the lady folks there is no lack of gifts that possess every element of pleasing, and they are in the ladies' stores in Sumter in profusion. McCollum Bros mention an unusually large showing of the things that women like—most everything from a handsome fur to a dainty handkerchief. They advertise many gifts for children, Indian suits and cow boy costumes, for instance. And too, their men's furnishings department is ready for holiday shoppers. In this

department one can find everything that man needs to make up his outfit from "head to toe."

Sumter's new department store, The Rivers-Bultman Outfitting Company make some suggestions to the searcher after Xmas gifts, that should prove valuable. Their ready-to-wear and novelty departments afford a wide variety of gifts from which to select, and their jewelry department offers a fine opportunity to remember some one at reasonable cost.

"A Christmas wonderland" is what the Ladies' Outfitting Company have to show yuletide shoppers. They have a line of mesh bags, leather bags, and novelties that they think would make fine gifts, and besides have a special showing of dolls and such things for the little fellows. Of course their ready-to-wear department is complete in every detail.

O'Donnell and Company advertise practical Christmas gifts, which they suggest as being the most pleasing. While they have all the things that one would naturally expect to find in a general furnishing store they mention especially gloves, handkerchiefs, muffs, and an attractive showing of rugs.

The Sumter Dry Goods Company remind readers that Thanksgiving is already passed and Xmas is coming fast on its heels, hence its a wise idea to "shop early." They say they are well fixed for the Christmas trade and they invite gift seekers to seek the Sumter Dry Goods Company.

The Wreck Store states in their ad that a tip from old Santa has put them "wise" to the best Xmas gifts, and that they have specially prepared for carrying out Santa's good advice, and hence it will be to the advantage of Xmas shoppers to see them.

Fancy work, such as hand embroidered handkerchiefs and collars, is much in demand for Xmas presents. It is to supply this demand that the Woman's Exchange has had their members to send in an unusually pretty assortment of this work. The Woman's Exchange is ready in their supply department to furnish the "good things" for the Xmas dinner or party.

One Christmas present that everyone owes to himself, so the Sumter Dental Parlors think, is a good set of teeth, with which to enjoy the Christmas turkey. The Sumter Dental Parlor believe in advertising, and their ad in this issue gives some very striking information telling the "whys" and "wherefores."

To lie back in a comfortable easy chair these cold winter evenings is the height of comfort; certainly then, one of these rest chairs would make the ideal Xmas gift. W. H. Shelley and Son carry the famous Royal Easy Chairs and also a big line of furnishings, some of which they have selected as being the most acceptable and useful Xmas gifts. Their ad in this issue will give you further "Xmas Hints."

Books are very popular as Xmas gifts. The trouble is that in almost every home there is always an overflow of literature, and no place to put it. The Carolina Furniture Company advise that at a small cost one can buy a really appreciated Xmas present in the form of the "makings" of a good library—viz: a Globe-Wernicke Section Book case. The "elastic" way permits the library to grow as the books accumulate; what could be nicer?

Speaking of Xmas gifts for most anybody and everybody—"Hearon Has Them." There are pipes, tobacco, cigars, writing pads, drink-ing cups, and a host of other good things for men folk, and manicure sets, perfume sets, writing sets, and—"Johnston's"—of course. Hearon promises that shoppers will find something interesting at his store.

When you write to the friends who have remembered you at Xmas you will be lucky if you write on "Symphony Lawn." Maybe someone will make you happy by giving you a box for Xmas; and it will make you happy because it is a Xmas present that's hard to beat. It is to be found at Siber's—The Rexall store.

"Take a tip from Old Santa, and stop at Watson's" is a slogan that you will do well to remember when out shopping. You will find at this "Good Drug Store" a line of dainty and useful Xmas gifts for everyone, and you can also get the benefit of an unusual assortment of Xmas cards. All the Xmas magazines are to be found at Watson's.

"Good Things to Eat" are as much

a part of the Xmas season as anything else. The Carolina Grocery Company says that they have everything for making the Xmas dinner a success—excepting the turkey. They have all accessories of the menu card, and invite lovers of good food to ring them up.

The "Pure Food Grocers," Levy and Moses, realize how necessary pure foods are at Xmas time, and in their ad in this issue they give a glimpse at their very large stock of "pure food groceries." A recently added department of their business that is proving immensely popular with housekeepers is their delicatessen. Frank's high class delicatessen goods are carried.

"If ever the sweet tooth is in evidence" says the New York Bakery it is at Christmas time, and the New York bakers are well prepared to satisfy the natural craving for sweets at Xmas. Their fruit cakes and mince meat stand in high regard with the lady folk of Sumter, and besides those "bakery delights" they have everything else from a lady finger to an éclair.

Bradford Brothers are the up-town agents for the New York Bakery, but they also carry a nice line of staple and fancy groceries, and deliver orders received over the phone.

But what about the meats for the Xmas dinner. The Citizens' Meat Market suggest that you let them send up a little porker, so that you can have "Ye olde fashioned Xmas dinner." However, if you want chickens, steaks, mutton or pork chops, they are in readiness to supply these goods, too.

DuRant Hardware Company are showing a line of aluminum goods comprising everything from a coffee pot to a serving tray, which they are especially anxious to have the ladies of Sumter see. They have other useful Xmas gifts, and for the boys they suggest foot balls, pocket knives, watches, and other such things that they are displaying now.

Burns Hardware Company have a beautiful line of Xmas goods on display. Since moving into their hand-some new quarters "on the corner" they are better prepared than ever to look after hardware wants. They can show you on request anything from a good heater to a water pitcher.

W. B. Burns and Son are calling attention in their ad to a generally attractive showing of Xmas goods, but mention especially their line of manicure sets, Rogers silverware, and guns and ammunition for the men folk to hunt with during Xmas week. They are back at the old Burns stand on North Main street, and being in roomy quarters have assembled a comprehensive line of hardware for the benefit of their customers.

The typewriter is almost a necessity in every office in these days of up-to-date methods. The L. C. Smith typewriter is known as one of the best made; it is on sale in this territory by the Office Outfitting Company, who also carry a line of general office supplies.

The Sumter Steam Laundry realize that you would like everything "snow white for Xmas," so they invite you to "stop one of the yellow wagons" and hand in your package. They have recently made extensive improvements at their plant which permit of their turning out high class work very quickly. They can wash anything that's "washable."

So many fires break out at Xmas time that to be without insurance is to be without enjoyment of the Xmas season. Wallace and Moses can "fix you up" with protection against fires at Xmas or any other time, and they also handle other insurance—"just so its insurance."

The Citizens Insurance Agency represent a strong line of insurance organizations as their ad today will convince you. They are prepared to look after your business in the way of fire, health, accident or life insurance. If you need any insurance, they are ready to serve you.

A brisk canter on Xmas morning would be fine, wouldn't it, to give you an appetite? If you care to give a horse for a Xmas gift, you can be suited at Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co. They have 100 horses and mules, which recently arrived, or rather they have what's left, because they sell in a hurry. If you need anything in farm implements, their ad will interest you.

W. B. Boyle Company, at the old W. B. Boyle stables on East Liberty Street advertise today horses and mules and other things that the farm-

er needs. They deal, also in grain and other produce and can take care of all orders promptly.

Crosswell and Company can sell merchants anything in the holiday goods line, nuts, candies, fruits and firecrackers, and all the rest. A trip to the Sumter Coca-Cola Bottling Works, since they have installed a big almost human machine to wash bottles, is well worth your trouble. Its something really interesting—"Drink a bottle, Coca-Cola, of course."

Nothing makes a more pleasing gift than a photograph. Its next to the original, if its a good picture. Williams' Cute Studio make good pictures, and remind you in their ad to make engagements early.

Money is always welcome (Is that so) a bank account is the real smile bringing Xmas gift. If you'd like to give a bank account you are referred to the City National Bank, the Bank of Sumter, the First National Bank, the Peoples' Bank, The Commercial and Savings Bank, the Sumter Trust Company, and the Farmers' Bank and Trust Company.

The Sumter Drug Company have a fancy display of Xmas cards and booklets and cards, and sell Wiley's famous candies.

Folsom's Jewelry Store give a list of presents for both ladies and gentlemen. Something new is their showing of "flower beads," which are actually made of crushed flowers, holding all of their natural sweetness.

Dots From Workman.

Workman, Dec. 1.—Miss Marie Harrington and Mr. McLaurin Lowder were married Wednesday, Nov. 28th. Owing to the illness of the bride's sister-in-law it was a very quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties being present. The bride and groom, Lucas Harrington, brother of the bride, and Miss Lessie Strange went from Workman to Manning in an automobile, the marriage taking place at the Presbyterian Manse, where Rev. Mr. McCord performed a very short but impressive ceremony which made the happy young couple as one.

The bride wore a handsome suit of brown, while the maid of honor, Miss Strange, wore a beautiful suit of tan corded silk. Immediately after the ceremony a party left for their new future home where a very charming reception was held.

Oakland school is still progressing very nicely, even better than before, for thanks to Mr. Smith the stove pipes have been fixed. Maybe now our intermediate teacher will not have to scold the trustees so much again. From what can be gathered the teachers must be very busy with the Sewing Club, preparing articles for the County Fair. All of our teachers left Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays at home and with their friends. Miss Etheredge returned on Friday, Miss Strange on Saturday and Miss Wingate on Sunday. All report having had a grand time, but I am afraid going home does not agree with "Our Little Queen" as she is wearing such a lonely expression since she returned.

We had quite a refreshing shower in our community today.

Winthrop News.

Rock Hill, Dec. 2.—A reception was given to those delegates attending the Methodist conference on Friday afternoon, November 28. They were received by Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and the members of the faculty. They were then taken to the auditorium by the marshals, where an organ recital was given. Afterwards, refreshments were served on the first floor.

On last Monday evening, the annual joint celebration of the three societies of Winthrop was held. Three former students of the institution added very much pleasure to the evening's program, one from each society. Miss Lucile Melton spoke for Winthrop Literary Society, Miss Eleanor Reid for Curry Literary Society, and Miss Eudora Kirk for the Wade Hampton Literary Society.

Thanksgiving dinner was indeed one which we could scarcely have wished to be better. With the beautiful weather, the holiday was a most enjoyable one.

Dr. Johnson has arranged that Quo Vadis will be among the moving pictures to be shown here next week.

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You never miss the levee till the water runs high.—New Orleans Picayune.

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Washington, Dec. 2.—Cut-rate dealers in copyrighted books won a victory today when the Supreme Court held that agreements between publishers and regular booksellers not to sell books to those who resell to the public at less than the price fixed by the publisher violate the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

Justice Day, announcing the decision, said violation was not "avoided" by the benefits of the Copyright law.

R. H. Macy & Co., brought the suit against the American Publishers' Association, comprising about 75 per cent of the publishers in the United States, and certain dealers who comprise 90 per cent of the wholesale and retail book dealers.